

TENTATIVE READING ASSIGNMENTS: NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

(Exact passages to be assigned, and the determination of required as distinct from suggested reading (with some works, including some listed below, merely cited for reference), to be furnished in the next several weeks).

Listing below is by weeks: see list of lecture topics for fuller description of the subjects covered. Books recommended for purchase (all paperback) are marked with an asterisk. Periodical literature to be placed on reserve is not included here.

I. Secret Crises.

(a) Nixon's secret strategy of escalation in Vietnam.

Brief excerpts from:

Richard Nixon, Memoirs.

H.R. Haldeman, The Ends of Power.

Tad Szulc, The Illusion of Peace.

Roger Morris, Uncertain Greatness.

Marvin and Bernard Kalb, Kissinger.

Jeb Stuard Magruder, An American Life.

Richard Whalen, Catch the Falling Flag.

(b) Other unannounced nuclear crises.

Nixon, Memoirs.

Eisenhower, Memoirs.

Sidney Lens, The Day Before Doomsday.*

Acheson, Present At the Creation.

Drummond and Coblenz, Duel at the Brink.

Barry Blechman and Stephen Kaplan, Force Without War.*

(Brookings Institution, 1978).

Morton Halperin, The Taiwan Straits Crisis (unpublished study, on reserve)
II.

** (a) Strategic Bombing.

F.M. Sallagar, The Road to Total War: Escalation in World War II.*
(RAND Report R-465-PR, April 1960)

George Quester, Deterrence Before Hiroshima.

Bernard Brodie, Strategy in the Missile Age.

(b) The U.S. First Use of Nuclear Weapons.

Gar Alperowitz, Cold War Essays.*

Alperowitz, Atomic Diplomacy.

Martin Sherwin, A World Destroyed.*

Nuel Pharr Davis, Lawrence and Oppenheimer.

III. Strangelove Era: the construction of the Doomsday Machine.

Herbert York, The Advisors: Oppenheimer and Teller.*
York, Race to Oblivion.

Herman Kahn, On Thermonuclear War.*

Kahn, Three Types of Deterrence.

Henry Kissinger, ed., Problems of National Strategy*
(chapters by Kahn, Wohlstetter)

"Dr. Strangelove" (movie script, on reserve).

Maxwell Taylor, The Uncertain Trumpet.

Bottome, The Balance of Terror.*

IV. NATO Strategy.

Kissinger, Problems (chapters by Schelling, Brodie, Hoag, Ballois).

Kissinger, Nuclear Weapons and Foreign Policy.*

Klaus Knorr and Thornton Read, Limited Strategic War.

Kahn, On Thermonuclear War.

Enthoven and Smith, How Much is Enough? (chapter on NATO, required).*

V. The Cuban Missile Crisis.

R.F. Kennedy, Thirteen Days.*

Elie Abel, The Missile Crisis.*

George, Hall and Simons, The Limits of Coercive Diplomacy.*

VI. Strategic Terrorism.

George, Hall and Simons (chapter by Simons).

Pentagon Papers, excerpts.

D. Ellsberg, Papers on the War.*

excerpts from Nixon, Morris, Szulc.

J. Anthony Lukas, Nightmare.

VII. US foreign policy: a new look at revisionist theories.

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Alperowitz, Cold War Essays (chapter on the Cold War).*

Noam Chomsky, Reasons of State.

Chomsky, 'Human Rights' and American Foreign Policy* (Spokesman Books, 1978)

Carl Oglesby, Containment and Change. *

L. Shoup and W. Minter, Imperial Brain Trust (MR Press, 1977).*

David Horowitz, Free World Colossus.

Horowitz, The Fate of Midas.*

Robert Tucker, The Radical Left and American Foreign Policy.

VIII. The Neutron Bomb. (Periodical literature, on reserve).

IX. U.S. First Strike Capabilities in the 1980's.

Gompert, Mandelbaum, Marwin, Burton, Nuclear Weapons and World Politics (McGraw Hill, 1977): 1980's Project, Council on Foreign Relations).*

Robert C. Aldridge, The Counterforce Syndrome* (TNI Pamphlet No. 7)
Articles by Richard Pipes and Paul Nitze, Fred K Ikle.
Fred Kaplan, Dubious Specter (TNI Pamphlet No. 6).*

Lens, The Day aBefore Doomsday.

X. Alva Myrdal, The Game of Disarmament.*

Fred Halstead, Out Now.

Joan Bondurant, The Conquest of Violence.

Dave Dellinger, More Power Than We Know.

Lens, The Day Before Doomsday.